

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

CLAIM 1 (currently amended) A front door and panel assembly for a vehicle, the vehicle having a rear seat and a frame, said assembly comprising:

at least one ~~pair of~~ front doors pivotally attached to the frame; and

a ~~pair of~~ first rear quarter panels ~~slidably~~ movably attached to the frame; said rear quarter panels ~~slidable~~ movable to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat, wherein in a closed position said first rear quarter panel extending from approximately a first of said at least one front door to approximately a rear end of the frame.

CLAIM 2 (currently amended) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein when said ~~pair of~~ rear quarter panels are is in a closed position, the vehicle appears as a two door coupe.

CLAIM 3 (currently amended) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 further including means for locking said ~~pair of~~ rear quarter panels in a closed position.

CLAIM 4 (currently amended) A door and panel assembly for a vehicle, the vehicle having a rear seat and a frame, said assembly comprising:

a pair of front doors pivotally attached to the frame, said pair of front doors including a left side front door and a right side front door;

a pair of rear quarter panels, said pair of rear quarter panels including a left side rear quarter panel and a right side rear quarter panel, wherein in a closed position said left side rear quarter panel extending from approximately said left side front door to approximately a rear end of the frame and said right side rear quarter panel extending from approximately said right side front door to approximately the rear end of the frame;
and

means for movably ~~slidably~~ attaching said rear quarter panels to the frame.

CLAIM 5 (currently amended) The door and panel assembly of claim 4 wherein said left side rear quarter panels ~~are~~ is slidably attached to the frame and slidable from a closed position to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat from a left side of the vehicle; wherein said right side rear quarter panel is slidably attached to the frame and slidable from a closed position to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat from a right side of the vehicle.

CLAIM 6 (currently amended) The front door and panel assembly of claim 4 wherein when said pair of rear quarter panels are in a closed position, the vehicle appears as a two door coupe and without the appearance of two rear doors.

CLAIM 7 (currently amended) The front door and panel assembly of claim 4 further including first means for locking said left side ~~pair of~~ rear quarter panels in a closed position and second means for locking said right side rear quarter panel in a closed position.

CLAIM 8 (currently amended) A door and panel assembly for a vehicle, the vehicle having a rear seat and a frame, said assembly comprising:

a pair of front doors pivotally attached to the frame;

a pair of rear quarter panels, said pair of rear quarter panels including a left side rear quarter panel and a right side rear quarter panel, wherein in a closed position said left side rear quarter panel extending from approximately said left side front door to approximately a rear end of the frame and said right side rear quarter panel extending from approximately said right side front door to approximately the rear end of the frame;

wherein said left side rear quarter panel is slidably attached to the frame; ~~said rear quarter panels~~ and slidable from a closed position to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat from a left side of the vehicle; wherein said right side rear quarter panel is slidably attached to the frame and slidable from a closed position to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat from a right side of the vehicle;
and

first means for locking said left side ~~pair of~~ rear quarter panels in a closed position; and

second means for locking said right side rear quarter panel in a closed position;

wherein when said pair of rear quarter panels are in the closed position, the vehicle appears as a two door coupe and without the appearance of two rear doors.

CLAIM 9 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel is movably attached to a left side of the frame; wherein said assembly further comprising a second rear quarter panel movably attached to the right side of the frame; said second rear quarter panel movable to an open position to permit easier access to the rear seat, wherein in a closed position said second rear quarter panel extending from

approximately a second of said at least one front door to approximately the rear end of the frame.

CLAIM 10 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel is slidably attached to said frame.

CLAIM 11 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 10 wherein in a fully open position a rear portion of said first rear quarter panel extends beyond the rear end of the frame to provide a "rear door" like access to the rear seat area of the vehicle.

CLAIM 12 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel is pivotally attached approximate to a top area of the frame; wherein in a fully open position a lower end of the first rear quarter panel pivots outward to provide a "rear door" like access to the rear seat area of the vehicle.

CLAIM 13 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel is pivotally attached to the frame; wherein in a fully open position a front end of the first rear quarter panel pivots upward and a back end of the first rear quarter panel pivots downward to provide a "rear door" like access to the rear seat area of the vehicle.

CLAIM 14 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 10 wherein in a fully open position a front end portion of the first rear quarter panel slides backward to create a folded first rear quarter panel to provide a "rear door" like access to the rear seat area of the vehicle.

CLAIM 15 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel is pivotally attached to the frame; wherein in a fully open position a front end of the

first rear quarter panel pivots downward and a back end of the first rear quarter panel pivots upward to provide a "rear door" like access to the rear seat area of the vehicle.

CLAIM 16 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 1 wherein said first rear quarter panel housing a first rear tail light.

CLAIM 17 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 9 wherein said first rear quarter panel housing a left rear tail light and said second rear quarter panel housing a right rear tail light.

CLAIM 18 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 4 wherein said left side rear quarter panel housing a left rear tail light and said right side rear quarter panel housing a right rear tail light.

CLAIM 19 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 8 wherein said left side rear quarter panel housing a left rear tail light and said right side rear quarter panel housing a right rear tail light.

CLAIM 20 (new) The front door and panel assembly of claim 11 wherein said first rear quarter panel housing a first rear tail light; wherein said first rear tail light connected to an electrical cord of sufficient length to permit the rear end of said first rear quarter panel to extend beyond the rear end of the frame in the first rear quarter panel fully open position.